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<b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b>	Application Number:	09/712,584
	Filing Date:	November 14, 2000
	First Named Inventor:	D.A.D. Farias
	Group Art Unit:	3627
	Examiner Name:	Gerald J. O'Connor
	Atty Docket Number:	SJO919990173

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application. **NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000.**

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_
  - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_
  - iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_.
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply, 33 pages.
  - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/17)
  - v. ☒ Postcard
  - vi. ☒ Petition for Extension of Time.

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**2. Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_ months. (Fee of \$\_\_\_\_ under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) is enclosed.)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_.

**3. Fees**

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 09-0466.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
  - ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
  - iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_.
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed.)

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED**

Name David W. Victor	Registration No. 39,867
Signature 	Date August 8, 2003

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION**

I hereby certify that this Transmittal is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage for first class mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, or being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO, on the date indicated below.

Name David W. Victor	Date August 8, 2003
Signature 